

# THE WEEKLY BANNER.

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Mr. W. F. BETTINGHAM, formerly of the Fort Worth Gazette, has been elected business manager of the Houston Post.

The Gazette has adopted a new style of boom literature by seeming to depreciate the Fort and thereby putting the people on their metal.

The Austin Statesman of Sunday came out in mourning in memory of Hon. John Cardwell, its former editor and late consul to Cairo, Egypt.

One of the Greenville (Hunt county) papers contains forty-three announcements for office. Verily the campaign is on in that neck of the woods.

A few foolish exchanges profess to believe that Senator Coke will dignify ex-Postmaster Gerald, the chronic soreheaded office-seeking patriot, by answering the late tirade against him at Waco.

With Attorney-General Hogg to vitalize it, the constitution of Texas is not such a dead, lifeless thing nor such a sad piece of patchwork after all, as those who have been demanding a new one would make believe.

The papers are indulging in a great deal of gush over the announced engagement of Miss Winnie Davis, the "daughter of the confederacy," to marry a young lawyer of Syracuse, N. Y., who is a grandson of the noted abolitionist, S. L. May.

The citizens of Rusk (this state) held a meeting last week and adopted suitable resolutions on the death of the late Samuel J. Randall. It would not be inappropriate for every village, town and hamlet in the South to follow Rusk's example.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says that: "The power of the secretary of the treasury to control the money market was clearly shown by Senator Plumb in his speech on his bill for the disposition of funds now held in the treasury. The power is a dangerous one and may be used to the tremendous injury of legitimate business interests and the benefit of speculators."

CHICAGO HERALD: The republicans, in their haste to assume that the democrats are less intelligent than they are, have jumped at the Australian system as an innovation which would be sure to reduce the democratic vote. But how do they like system as far as they have got? Up to the present time every reform in the interest of honest elections has insured to the good of the democratic party instead of their own. Let the good work go on, and may it spread from Maine to Texas before 1892.

ONLY three towns in the state extended invitations to the Texas veterans to hold their next annual reunion with them. They were Brenham, Temple and Lampasas. They should have received invitations from every town and city in the state, and it was no doubt a piece of thoughtlessness that they did not receive more. That the veterans will soon all be gone is shown by the fact that when the roll was called at Fort Worth the other day the voices of forty who had answered at the last preceding roll-call were silent in the grave. They are fast passing away and while we have them with us we should treat them with unbounded hospitality.

The most impudent scheme of personal meanness and greed ever introduced in congress is the attempt to tax cotton seed oil for the benefit of the Chicago combination of manufacturers of hog's lard. Everybody knows that cotton seed oil is a pure and wholesome vegetable product. The invention of the method of converting the refuse seed of cotton into a cheap and healthful article of food is one of the most valuable achievements of the age. But only the Lord and the Chicago fat-renderers know what base and unwholesome ingredients enter into the manufacture of the article of commerce which goes by the euphemistic designation of "pure leaf lard."—Philadelphia Record.

And just to think that C. W. McCune, late of the Texas farmers' alliance, and a great many alliance people have endorsed the proposition to tax cottonseed oil.

## A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

The organs which have been hounding the attorney-general of the state and denouncing him as a demagogue in connection with his land suits against the railway companies, are at last showing the cloven foot and are disclosing their true purpose. Nobody but the true guideless, simple and unsophisticated, however, needed to have their purpose disclosed. It has stuck out as clear as noonday all along. It is almost inconceivable how any person of ordinary sense could believe that the laws of Texas making grants to the railroads could have ever been intended to duplicate these liberal grants for sidings and switches, which are mere appendages. And, yet, when the question was first sprung by the attorney-general and steps were taken to reclaim the lands, he was laughed at and was not only denounced as a dangerous demagogue and as an enemy to the best interests of the state, but as a crank. As matters developed these anti-Hogg papers were compelled to shift their positions and take another tack. They were forced to give up the absurd idea of duplicate land grants for sidings and switches and to admit that such a construction of the law was unreasonable and absurd. But at the same time that they make this confession they seek to avoid by harping on vested rights and the interests of innocent purchasers, and claim that thousands of the latter would be sent adrift and homeless if the railroads should be made to disgorge. If there was any sincerity in this argument it could easily be met. Where the railroads had parted with their title to the lands to actual settlers and innocent purchasers the proper relief could be afforded them by special legislative enactment. There are very few of such actual settlers and innocent purchasers, comparatively, and their cases could be easily remedied, while the state, in reclaiming lands from the road where the latter have not parted with the title, would simply recover what belongs to them without harm or injustice being inflicted in any quarter. For instance, in the suit just decided in the district court of Val Verde county against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio road, twenty million acres of land are recovered, which are not held, owned or claimed by any actual settler. This land is valued at fully sixty million dollars, and will go to the education of the children of Texas. The anti-Hogg organs are not sincere in opposing the suits against the railroads on the ground of its injuring actual settlers. It is simply political claptrap and demagoguery on the part of Mr. Hogg, as they are so accustomed to familiarly asserting. They prefer politics to business and to the interests of the state, and only refuse to applaud the attorney-general's acts in moving to make the railroads disgorge because of the fear that it will rebound to his advantage in his gubernatorial race. This is shown by the fact that they are now trying to take away from him the originality of the suggestion that the railroads are not entitled to lands for switches and sidings and to deprive him of the credit therefor and popularity by claiming that the same view was advanced by a republican attorney-general (Alexander) during the administration of E. J. Davis. All the same, the state is to be congratulated on the prospect for reclaiming millions of its public domain fraudulently divested.

## DE MORTUIS NIL NISI BONUM.

There is an old Latin maxim handed down from the classic ages to the effect that nothing should be said concerning the dead but good, the observance of which has been time-honored. If we were looking for reasons why the observance of the rule should have passed into a maxim and why it should have ever been enjoined, many might be given. In the first place, the grave closes up the last chapter of a man's existence, and as he is henceforth powerless to do evil or to excite the jealousy of envious tongues, well may the mantle of charity be spread over his past life and his past acts. And in the second place, the maxim is to be observed because it is mean and cowardly to traduce the memory of a dead man, even though he is past feeling and of being harmed. His memory is worth something to his family and to his friends and neighbors, and his character ought not to be assailed unless he could be present in the flesh to defend himself against the accusations. On the other hand it is not necessary that we should believe facts in the observance of the maxim and go to the opposite extreme by indulging in fulsome flattery and extravagant laudation of the dead. It simply suffices to say nothing at all concerning the dead if we cannot speak in entire approbation of them. These reflections are called forth by a miserable, sneaking and slanderous story which has crept into print since the death of Hon. Samuel J. Randall, which had its origin in an obscure, irresponsible sheet and is

being circulated by other papers. The story is to the effect that the late Congressman Randall confessed before his death that he "knifed" Grover Cleveland in his second contest for the presidency, and organized the fight which defeated him. Unfortunately Samuel J. Randall cannot be present in the flesh to repel the foul calumny attempted to be cast upon his memory, but fortunately he left such a name behind him that it will require the most exacting, definite and explicit proofs to make his bitterest foe believe the report. Nobody who ever knew or heard of Samuel J. Randall will doubt his loyalty to his party. That he refused to go with the majority of his party on the question of the tariff, while unfortunate, was no evidence of disloyalty. His unyielding opposition on this issue was due to his early associations, his education and to what he regarded as the vested rights and property interests of his own constituents. His course on this as on all other issues was honest and above-board, open to the closest scrutiny and criticism. Had he by so much as a finger's weight knowingly and intentionally have given aid and comfort to his political enemy with the view of defeating the democratic candidate for president, the democracy wouldn't have had to wait until he was in his grave to have learned of it from the lips of some cowardly, obscure and irresponsible slanderer.

## RANK PARTISANSHIP.

From its first conception up to its birth and during its childhood and through all subsequent years down to its present stage of imbecility, rank rottenness and corruption gone to seed, the republican party has been noted for its assinine stubbornness, its mad fanaticism, its extreme sectionalism, its selfishness, bigotry, narrow-minded conceit and intolerance of those holding views contrary to it. Believing through narrow-minded bigotry or ignorant conceit that it is God's elect, chosen to carry out the will and the purpose of the Almighty, the republican party in its own view stands justified for all the acts of consummate villainy and rascality of which it has been notably guilty, believing that the end justified the means. But while it already stands guilty of having committed repeatedly all of the crimes in the political decalogue, the republican party has fairly out-heroded Herod in the matter of its lawless, high-handed methods, rank injustice and inconsistent course on the question of admitting the territories into the union. Bills are railroaded through the house for the admission of two territories, while two other territories are left out. They are admitted without a quorum of the members being present and voting. One of the territories admitted disfranchises Mormons and confers the right of female suffrage, while the other territory allows Mormons to vote and denies the right of female suffrage. Idaho and Wyoming with a population both put together of less than New Mexico are admitted and the latter is refused admission, simply because the two former are republican and New Mexico is democratic. The base, partisan advantage to be gained from the admission of these territories is unquestioned, but the infamy of the act of partisan discrimination does not stop at conferring statehood upon two rotten boroughs, but also consists in the unjust and inconsistent features of the state constitutions which are directly opposed to each other and yet both are admitted as they are. The admission of these territories is in furtherance of a matured conspiracy to thwart the will of the American people. Recognizing the fact that it was by an accident, which is not likely to happen again soon, that they came into control of the house, the republicans are making a desperate effort to arrange so as to perpetuate minority rule in this country after the majority in the house shall be on the democratic side. The country was warned of the intentions of the republicans to admit the territories into statehood several months before the question came up; but as the minority is left powerless by Autocrat Reed's ruling, the American people will simply have to wait and rebuke the partisan outrage at the polls. A day of reckoning will certainly come and retributive justice is sure to be meted out to the g. o. p.

## ECHOES FROM MONTANA.

After the partisan majority on the committee of elections in the United States senate had reported in favor of seating the fraudulent republican senators from Montana, and while both the majority and minority reports were being discussed on the floor of the senate chamber, a telegram was received from Helena, the state capital of Montana, announcing that the city, which had always hitherto been considered reliably republican, had gone democratic in a municipal election just held by a majority of several hundred votes. This emphatic protest against the political outrage that was about to be perpetrated against the free suffrage of American citizens would

have been received and accepted and construed in the spirit in which it was intended, if the warning had been intimated to any other than a conscienceless party whose whole record reeks with rotten corruption and which is entirely destitute of moral perception or sensibility. But on the republican partisans in the senate it had no effect. That they had already formed a deep-laid conspiracy to seat the republican claimants at any cost without any reference to the facts in the case and regardless of the enormity of the fraud and the rank injustice of it, was shown by the conduct of the republican members of the senate in deserting the chamber in a body when Senator Gray, of Delaware, arose to present the democratic side of the argument. The outrage was consummated. The deed was done and the fraudulent pair from the Mountain state have been invited to take their seats. Following the warning note from Helena to the United States senate and on the heel of the decision of the partisan majority there comes another echo which forms the basis both of a prediction and threat. The echo comes from Butte City, composing the now famous "precinct 34" of Silver Bow county, on which the whole question as to who were entitled to seats in the United States senate depended. With the vote of "precinct 34" Silver Bow county was democratic and its representatives to the legislature gave the democrats the majority. The fraudulent republican returning board, however, without any cause threw out the returns of precinct 34 in which Butte City is situated, and this gave the republicans a majority in the legislature. At the city election just held the other day democratic and republican managers both appealed to the voters on the senatorship question. The republicans appealed to the voters to elect the republican ticket and endorse the action of the United States senate, while the democrats appealed to the suffragians to rebuke the theft and deep-dyed villainy of the republicans. The answer to the conflicting appeals made by both parties was a democratic majority of four hundred. The conclusion to be arrived at is that all's well that ends well. The scoundrelism of the g. o. p. has made Montana solidly democratic.

## PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS.

One of the points sought to be made against Attorney-General Hogg in order to cripple him in his race for the governorship is based on his letter of instruction issued some time ago to county and district attorneys throughout the state, directing them to institute proceedings against such property-owners and tax-payers as are notoriously dishonest in returning an incomplete list of their property or who grossly undervalue and underestimate their belongings in order to dodge the payment of taxes. It was loudly asserted at the time and is being repeated anew in chorus by the anti-Hogg organs that if his instructions to the district and county attorneys were carried out it would make criminals and perjurers of at least half of the tax-paying citizens of the state and instantly fill the penitentiaries. It must be admitted that Mr. Hogg's instructions were very sweeping and the undertaking herculean, not to say entirely visionary and impossible of accomplishment. But, nevertheless, the objection brought against it and the capital sought to be made against him on the ground of its utter absurdity and preposterousness, contains a strong admission of the great necessity of some kind of reform measure to correct the present inequalities and injustice and to secure equal taxation. The way that the tax laws have been enforced in the past and are being enforced, the wealthy property owner manages without any difficulty to conceal and smother up the great bulk of his property and avoids the payment of taxes on it, while the little that the poor man has is taxed to the last penny. The tax-dodging abuse is not confined to Texas or any county in Texas, nor to any state in the union. It is an abuse and a great evil that exists throughout the country, and those who do not admire Mr. Hogg's plan of prosecuting people who wilfully and fraudulently make oath with intent to deceive as to the amount of property which they own subject to taxation and of the fraudulent rendition of property, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch cites Chicago and its city for an example. Outside of Chicago there are no cities in Illinois as wealthy and populous as Kansas City and St. Joseph in Missouri. Yet Chicago and Cooke county, in Illinois, claiming a population of 1,200,000, are assessed at only \$211,000,000, or less than one-fifth of Illinois state assessment, while St. Louis city and county are assessed at \$275,440,700, or considerably more than one-third of the entire Missouri assessment.

JUDGING from the long-winded editorials at present appearing in the Waco Day, there must be a new hand at the bellows.

COURIER-JOURNAL: England swings the lever that moves the trade and wealth of the world. Even we have not escaped her influence. She markets the cotton crop of the South, and the farmers of the North must look to her as the purchaser of their corn and wheat. When we build railroads we borrow money from London and wherever we turn we see the power of British gold, for the territory of England is not her 50,000 square miles of island, but the wide sweep of all the oceans, three thousand times as great, and she has known how to gather a rich harvest from their waves. England occupies the position which belongs to the United States, and of which the fraud and robbery of the republican party have deprived us.

The greatest tribute that can be paid to the sterling qualities, strict honesty, rugged simplicity and patriotism of the late Samuel J. Randall is to simply call attention to the small amount of worldly goods which he left behind him. Many statesmen have gone to Washington as poor as church mice, and after a short term of service have found that they could afford to erect handsome marble front and brown stone residences more costly than their entire wealth was originally estimated at.

The Houston Post wants to know what has become of the movement to erect a monument to the Hon. Jefferson Davis. The BANNER can only answer for its own locality. Here in Brenham a subscription list is open at Mr. B. Eldridge's store for contributions, and the young ladies of Independence are getting up an amateur theatrical entertainment for the benefit of it.

JENNIE CALEY, "America's greatest soubrette," who came down on Texas early in the theatrical season just past, and who went away and came back again playing return engagements and including all of the villages and small towns, is still in the state making stands for a whole week at a single place. She is at present playing at Padgett park, in Waco.

The death of the late congressman Kelly of Pennsylvania, who was known as "Pig Iron" Kelly, left Samuel J. Randall, of Pennsylvania, as the "father of the house." And now the death of Mr. Randall leaves a third Pennsylvanian in succession as "father of the house." He is Congressman O'Neill, of the 2nd Pennsylvania district.

A few weeks ago the young son of Mr. B. Lehmann was taken ill and it was thought at first he had the measles. He has recovered, but the attack of sickness left him nearly blind in one eye and with one of his arms drawn up and twisted out of shape. On Friday Mr. Lehmann took his son to Austin to consult an oculist.

The Virginia state board of medical examiners for the first time in its history has granted a license to practice medicine to a lady, Miss C. L. Haynes, who has been elected assistant physician in the insane asylum at Stanton. If there is any calling more than another that woman should follow it is that of practicing medicine.

A NUMBER of villainous looking cuts have been running through the papers the past few days that might create the impression that they represented some candidate for office, but on closer scrutiny are found to represent the immortal Sam Houston and used to illustrate "San Jacinto day" articles.

As exchange refers to an aspirant for congressional honors as a "jim crow lawyer and two-bit politician." Papers which call candidates by such names should first be sure they are not themselves guilty of the jim crow, two-bit Eat-an-Swirl Gazette style of journalism.

A CRANK lawyer, who is fond of working up novel cases and of testing startling law points, has instituted a suit to test the validity of the Texas Criminal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure. The suit is brought in the federal court out at San Antonio.

LOTTA, the cute and frisky little high-kicking soubrette, is said to be the richest single woman in the world who has made her own money. She owns a hotel in Boston, an apartment house in New York and real estate in Washington, Chicago and Long Branch.

ENGARTON, KANSAS, has elected a female mayor, a female police justice, and a city council composed entirely of females. An exchange suggests that there is nothing left for the men of the town to do but to apply for positions as wet nurses.

W. W. LANG, at one time master of the state grange and who tried assiduously to ride into political office on the strength of his connection with the order, is out in opposition to a railway commission. Times have changed.

THE Chicago Tribune, a republican paper, is one of the do-as-I-say-and-not-as-I-do kind. It appeals impatiently to the farmers as follows:

How long will our farmers persist in a delusion which leads them, while complaining of their forlorn condition to throw away \$46,000,000 a year in the cost of their woolen wear and blankets? And will they support an increase of \$10,000,000 on the cost of their woolens on the foolish supposition that the higher duties on wool will recoup them? If they do they are fooling themselves.

The Tribune had an opportunity in the last national contest to help elect an anti-tariff robber president, but worked for the other man.

BURGOMASTER HENRY GREEN, of Berlin, was in the city on Friday receiving the congratulations of his friends over the arrival of another son and heir. The burgomaster is now the proud daddy of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters.

The ladies who are engaged in collecting funds for the Confederate Home at Austin report that they have \$160 collected so far. They expect to secure good contributions from Chappell Hill, Burton, Independence and other points in the county.

A SCOTCH syndicate has recently purchased a large lot of land lying in the eastern portion of this county including more than two thousand acres purchased from Mr. Royal Lott. The trade was negotiated on the part of the syndicate through Mr. John J. Giddings, of Ennis, formerly of this city.

DR. RICHARDSON, an old ex-United States army surgeon who was a brother-in-law of Fritz Somers, died out in the William Penn neighborhood on Monday night, and a hearse was ordered from this city on the following day.

Nor long ago a young Bohemian couple went to the county clerk's office and wanted to get license to marry, but as the girl was only sixteen years old the license was refused. They went on to Caldwell and secured the license.

MR. C. LASCHE, who resides a few miles southwest of town, and whose horses were reported the other day as being greatly troubled with distemper, reports that he has not lost any of them and that they have now about all recovered.

The contract for furnishing the music for the maifest was awarded to the Brenham Light Guard band for \$175. As stated, the only other competitor was the Field Artillery band.

MR. W. A. WOOD on Monday sold his half interest in the brick building adjoining Amster's warehouse, across the Central track, to Mr. Ed Amster for \$1400.

SOME of the farmers report that there has been no such washing rains in this section in many a day as were those of Saturday and Sunday night.

THE Haubelt band went up to Belton on the northbound Santa Fe train Monday to furnish the music for a dance which took place there Monday night.

A CERTAIN citizen of Brenham recently invested forty-two thousand dollars in land in the panhandle country. He bought a tract of 21,000 acres at \$2 per acre.

## NOTICE IN PROBATE.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Washington county—Gretna: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for 30 days in the Brenham Banner, a newspaper published in Washington county, the following notice:

### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the estate of Frank Kellum, deceased. Wm. Krueger, administrator, has filed in the County Court of Washington county, an application for resignation as administrator and an exhibit of the condition of the estate of Frank Kellum, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of the County Court of said County, commencing the 3rd Monday in May, 1890, at the courthouse thereof, in the city of Brenham, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

HERKIN PAUL, not, under penalty of the law, and of this writ make due return. Issued the 21st day of April, 1890.

WITNESS, J. M. Byrnes Clerk of said court, and the seal thereof, at office, in the city of Brenham, 21st day of April, 1890.

J. M. Byrnes, Clerk of County Court of Washington County.

By A. M. Krug, Deputy.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Citation, now in my hands.

N. E. DEVER, Sheriff.

By D. E. TRAGUE, Deputy.

## Strayed or Stolen.

A Bay pony about 13 hands high, branded E on left jaw and 2L on left hip; has a star in face and his left eye is glass. I will pay \$5 reward for his delivery to me.

C. W. HISS, Brenham, Texas.